

I have been an XM radio subscriber for a couple of years, and an over-the-road-trucker since 1995. The local traffic stations offered on XM are very helpful to drivers when it comes to making quick decisions when it comes to metro driving routes. If you are coming into Chicago on I-80/94 and the c.b. radio says traffic is stopped ahead, you need to know quickly if the Skyway is flowing or in even worse shape. You need that information now, not 'on the tens' or on the 'eights'. Now. The Chicago station that I listened to for traffic before I got XM has changed their traffic reports for reporting by street names to reporting by sponsor locations. That might work if you live there, but I was in thirty-nine states last month. Now say the road is closed for an accident between Fred's hardware and Gigantic Mall. I don't know where Fred's is, let alone the mall. What good is that to me? Nothing. Los Angeles is another example. With so many routes available, surely one of them is open and can get you where you need to be. But now you have to wait ten minutes to find out which is the best way. Not with XM. You can make that decision now, before you drive past your first three options. I know how to find the AM and FM stations if I want them. They are right where I left them a couple of years ago. In my rear view mirror. Please reject Petition 04-160. I can have the free stations, but prefer a higher quality service that XM provides

Sincerely, Jennifer Lewis